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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. A process for production of image cards comprising the following steps:

[-] printing of a sheet [(1)] so as to obtain a printed sheet [(1a)] with a plurality of images [(3)] disposed in a plurality of windows [(30)], and

[-] punching of said printed sheet [(1a)] so as to obtain a punched sheet [(1d)] with microperforations [(63)] along the perimeter of said windows [(30)] containing the image [(3)],

~~characterised in that it further comprises the steps of~~

[-] overprinting decorations [(43)] on said image windows [(3)], and

[-] depositing a protective layer [(50)] on said decorations [(43)] so as to fix them and avoid removal of material from the decorations.

2. A process according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said overprinting of decorations [(50)] takes place before said punching.

3. A process according to claim 1 [(or 2)], ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said step of overprinting decorations takes place by hot transfer of decorations from a decorative foil [(42)].

4. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said decorations comprise pigments or flakes of noble metals, such as gold, silver and the like.

5. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said protective layer is a transparent varnish [(50)] which is deposited on the decorations [(43)] by means of spraying or other means such as brushes, rollers, doctor blades and the like, and is subsequently dried by means of ultraviolet [(UV)] lamps [(56)]

6. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said protective layer is a thin transparent film of plastic material.

7. A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of printing of writing, wherein writings [(70)] are printed on the back surface of the punched sheet [(1d)], in register with each image [(3)].

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8. A process according to claim 7, characterised in that wherein said printing step takes place by means of a photocopying machine or a printer [[(7)]].

9. A sheet [[(1d)]] comprising a plurality of display cards each comprising a window [[(30)]] in which there is represented an image [[(3)]] and in which the perimeter of each window has microperforations [[(63)]] to allow removal of the single image card, characterised in that wherein each window [[(30)]] has a decorative coating [[(43)]] and a protective coating [[(50)]].

10. An image card comprising a front surface on which an image [[(3)]] is represented and a back surface on which writings [[(70)]] are reproduced, characterised in that wherein on the front surface of the card there is provided a decorative layer [[(43)]] on which a protective layer [[(50)]] is deposited.